

### Debt Adjustment Activities

The depression was only one of a whole series of misfortunes that buried a well-to-do farmer of Owen county, Kentucky under a crushing debt load, from which he was helped to free himself by the Farm Debt Adjustman unit of the Re-settlement Administration.

This farmer owed \$21,700, according to a report in the files of W. Kerr Scott, regional chief of FDA, Raleigh. Of this amount, only \$800 represented the farmer's own direct debts.

The balance was for debts piled on his shoulders through unfortunate indorsements, a bank failure, the deaths of two sons and a brother and the bankruptcy of another brother—all occurring within a space of nine months.

The burdened citizen applied to the FDA committee in his county for help, the report stated. At that time he owned 550 acres of land. The committee advised the sale of 300 acres to pay off a \$7,000 mortgage. This was done. Unsecured debts totaling \$14,700 remained and he was advised to apply for a bank loan on the remaining 250 acres. He obtained a commitment for \$5,000 on this acreage, \$300 of which was to buy grass seed, repair buildings, etc., leaving \$4,700 with which to pay the unsecured claims totaling \$14,700. After extensive negotiations by the FDA committee, the creditors agreed to accept 30 cents on the dollar for their claims, which left the farmer with enough land, livestock and implements to carry on.

"If anyone could have seen this man's countenance when he came into the committee room and when he left," reported David S. Martin, district FDA supervisor, "he would have thought, as I did, that this one case justified the whole FDA program."

### Duke Power Co. Appeals Case

Attorneys for the Duke Power company Saturday started plans for perfecting an appeal to the United States Supreme Court from the opinion handed down that morning by the fourth circuit court of appeals upholding the Federal government in its plan to make a loan and grant to Greenwood county, South Carolina, amounting to \$2,852,000, for construction of the huge Buzzard's Roost power project.

In an opinion handed down by Senior Judge John J. Parker, Judge Elliott Northcott concurring, the court held the act authorizing the loan and grant constitutional, authorized Administrator Harold Ickes of the Public Works Administration to make the grant under the act, and said the plaintiff would have had no right to an injunction, even if the constitutionality had not been upheld and if the authority of the administrator had not been affirmed.

In a strongly dissenting opinion, Judge Morris A. Soper held that the grant could not be made because "the public utterances of the administrator show beyond a doubt that his loans and grants to municipal power project would reduce local utility rates."

The Duke Power company had contended that loans and grants for power projects were made with the intention of regulating rates.

**THE "DEATH COMPLEX"**  
An interesting scientific article in which Professor Donald A. Laird points out the curious fact that a gay manner often masks a longing for death. One of many illustrated articles in the American Weekly (issue of March 1), the big magazine which comes regularly with the BBALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN.

### Get Rid of Poisons Produced by Constipation

A cleansing laxative—purely vegetable Black-Draught—is the first thought of thousands of men and women who have found that by restoring the downward movement of the bowels many disagreeable symptoms of constipation promptly can be relieved. . . Mr. J. P. Mahaffey, of Clinton, S. C., writes: "I have found that Black-Draught is very effective in the cleansing of the system. When affected by the dull headache, the drowsiness and lassitude caused by constipation, I take Black-Draught."



GEORGE ROSS POU

### Pou To Run For State Auditor

#### George Ross Pou Fourth To Announce For Auditor

Raleigh—George Ross Pou, of Raleigh and Smithfield, announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for State auditor.

Pou became the fourth man to offer for the post. Charles W. Miller of Asheville and Willard Dowell of Raleigh already have announced formally, while Baxter Durham, present auditor, has indicated he will seek re-election.

"I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State auditor," was the only statement made by Pou concerning his proposed race.

A native of Smithfield, Pou was a son of the late Congressman Edward W. Pou, who for years represented the fourth district in the national House of Representatives.

He formerly was superintendent of the State prison department, and was made assistant chairman when the prison department and State highway commission was consolidated, but resigned to run for Congress. He introduced a number of reforms in the penal system.

In 1934, he was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress from the fourth district to succeed his father.

**TO DEBATE TRADE TREATY**  
Ottawa—Approval of the Canadian-United States tariff reciprocity treaty was moved in the House of Commons by Premier Mackenzie King. It prompted a full-dress debate, with conservative leader Richard Bennett expected to oppose the pact.



NEW YORK . . . Above is pictured a hand-knitted sport suit for Spring that gets its inspiration from English tailoring. It is knitted of a tweed mixture yarn which comes in the soft warm colors found in old Paisley shawls. The borders of the blouse are made with a seed stitch.

### Leopold Mum In Loeb Quiz

Joliet, Ill.—Nathan Leopold refused to testify before a grand jury probing the prison razor murder of Richard Loeb, his partner in the "thrill slaying" of Bobby Franks. "I've got nothing to say."

That's all the county investigators could get out of Leopold. Three other convicts, who were taken with him to the hearing from Stateville Prison where Loeb was killed by Convict James Day, echoed his words.

Angered by the defiance of the quartet, the grand jury decided to continue their investigation within the walls of the prison where a ten-man board appointed by Governor Horner has opened a general inquiry into Illinois penal institutions as a direct result of the Loeb slaying.

### Guard Ewes Against Lambing Paralysis

Lambing paralysis, the cause of which is not definitely known, is a disease common to farm flocks but seldom found on the open range.

It strikes ewes in an advanced stage of pregnancy, and lack of exercise appears to be one of the contributing factors, said Dr. C. D. Grinnells, veterinarian with the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

Storms and heavy snowfalls seem to increase the incidence of the disease, he said. Some research workers are of the opinion that underfeeding and unbalanced feeding also are causes of the disease.

The symptoms are dullness, walking in circles, or standing with the head pressed against some object. The head may be drawn to the side, or the animal may be lying down with the head turned aside. An increased thirst, loss of appetite, blindness, paralysis, and convulsions are commonly noted.

Many sheep breeders, as well as veterinarians, feel that an ample allowance of a balanced ration, forced exercise if necessary, and sufficient calcium (preferably supplied by a good legume hay) are important bone meal is also recommended.

Veterinarians report that beneficial results have been obtained from intravenous injections of calcium gluconate.

One way of forcing sheep to exercise is to spread hay over a field in small bunches so the animals will have to walk from one to another to eat it.

### Find Jackson Birth Record But Not Those of 'Old Hickory'

York, S. C.—A research worker, thumbing through old records at the courthouse called out excitedly he had found evidence to settle the question of Andrew Jackson's birthplace, over which North Carolina and South Carolina have waged so long a controversy.

Fellow workers on a PWA project gathered about a faded birth certificate saying Andrew Jackson was born in Bethel township, York county, S. C., thus apparently refuting North Carolina's long-standing claim that he was born across the line. But soon the research workers' joy subsided. In blurred ink, the word "Negro" was deciphered on the document.

The average annual wage of employees in industry was \$246 in 1849, \$445 in 1889, \$19 in 1909 and \$1,191 in 1925.

### "Gloomy" Gil Quits



ITHACA, N. Y. . . "Gloomy" Gil Dobie (above), head football coach at Cornell University since 1920, has resigned . . . "in the interest of harmony" said Gil. . . Criticism by the alumni on the poor showing of recent-year grid teams, is rumored the cause.

### Travels Over World But Returns To Pen

Central Prison, Raleigh—Raymond Ragan sauntered up to the iron gates of "My Paradise Lost" last week, waved for the guard to "open up", then walked briskly across the prison yard into the warden's office and said "hello."

Ragan, who escaped from prison five years ago and traveled abroad while he was free, offered his hand to the warden and said he was very sorry he couldn't get back sooner.

"I've been doing a little globe trotting since I left you," the man who is 30 years old said.

Warden H. H. Honeycutt, who always remembers faces was puzzled. Then he remembered Ragan. He said:

"I got your letter more than a year ago."

The stamp on that letter was purple. It was from somewhere in France. The letter ran something like this:

"Dear Warden:—I've learned the error of my ways. Here I am way across the ocean and you over there in North Carolina. I wish I was back. Prison is paradise when you are an escaped man feeling like you are being hunted every minute."

"I'm coming back soon. But you see there are some difficulties getting a passport. All I've got is my army discharge and the consul says he don't know for the world how I'm going to get out of here. It'll take my birth certificate, he says."

Warden Honeycutt had lost the letter. But both of them remembered it well. After Ragan, who still has four to seven years to serve on conviction of a highway robbery charge, dropped the letter in a mail box he did a little more globe-trotting — "about 50,000 miles."

"But if that is what it took to get back here, I'm glad. My conscience don't bother me now."

The warden scratched his head and looked puzzled again. "You could have saved yourself a lot of trouble if you had given yourself up in France. They could have brought you straight across the Atlantic and you wouldn't have had to travel so far."

Ragan said: "I'll be darned. Wonday why I never thought o' that?"

The warden said he didn't know. Warden Honeycutt called a guard and told him to fix Ragan up with some clothes. Then he put Ragan's name back down on the books.

Ragan smiled at the warden and the warden smiled back. Then they shook hands again like old friends and Ragan was led to his cell away down the corridor in "My Paradise Lost"—a number again, a man without a name.

The earth moves around the sun once each year.

### DEATHS

**MRS. REENA McDANIEL**  
Mrs. Reena McDaniel, died Sunday afternoon at the home of her son, W. F. McDaniel, 217 South Boundary street. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the First Baptist church. She is survived by three sons: W. F., Joe C. and Charlie McDaniel.

**MRS. JAMES M. CASPER**  
Mrs. James M. Casper, 59 died early Monday morning at her home 621 East Innes street, where she had lived for 29 years. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at St. John's Lutheran church. Her husband and four children survive: Roy M., Orange N. J.; Mrs. H. M. Aull, Mrs. A. W. Pinkston and James M. Jr., all of Salisbury. A brother, Rev. L. A. Peeler of Kannapolis, also survives.

**JOHN P. WEBER**  
Funeral services were held at the home, 209 South Long street Monday afternoon for John P. Weber, 89, one of Salisbury's oldest citizens who served four terms as alderman, who died Sunday morning. He came here as a young man from Baltimore, Md., operating a blacksmith shop and had the reputation of having shod more horses and mules than any other person in the State. He was one of the organizers of the local fire department when it consisted of a bucket brigade. His widow by a second marriage, two sons and two stepsons survive: John P. of Knoxville, Tenn., Lamont, Salisbury; Kerr Mowery, Salisbury, and Tom Mowery, Raleigh.

### K. of P.'s Hold District Meeting

A district meeting of the Knights of Pythias was held at the Zeb Vance hall here Monday evening. More than 175 members were present from the lodges at Greensboro, Chapel Hill, Winston-Salem, Albemarle, Salisbury, Charlotte and Mooresville. Eighty-six delegates from Winston-Salem came on two specially chartered busses.

W. M. Ruth, of Salisbury, district deputy grand chancellor presided at the meeting. The featured number of the program was the dramatization of the "Rank of Page." Major Mertz, the midget Pythian and dokie, and perhaps the best known Pythian in the Carolinas was present and spoke a few words to the gathering.

Among prominent Pythians present were three past grand chancellors of the order, William B. Burke of Greensboro, L. L. Caudle of Charlotte, and Ben S. Houston of Mooresville; and Claude Best, vice grand chancellor of Chapel Hill.

A social hour was enjoyed after the program during which time refreshments were served.—Mooresville Enterprise.

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\* IN TRAP SET  
\* TO GET THIEF  
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\* E. Below, 57-year-old Antre-  
\* ville farmer, was the victim  
\* of a trap door device he had  
\* set in his corn crib for rob-  
\* bers.  
\* He was fatally wounded  
\* Sunday morning when the  
\* loaded shotgun in the trap ex-  
\* ploded when he absent-mind-  
\* edly opened the door of the  
\* building. The full charge  
\* struck him in the stomach  
\* For several weeks he had  
\* been missing a quantity of  
\* corn and had decided on  
\* drastic measures.  
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### Escaper Gets 'Cute' But Last Laugh Is On Him

Florence, S. C., Feb. 26—Brooks Rhodes was a headache for officers hereabouts for the last 24 hours—a sort of off again, on again, gone again Finnegan.

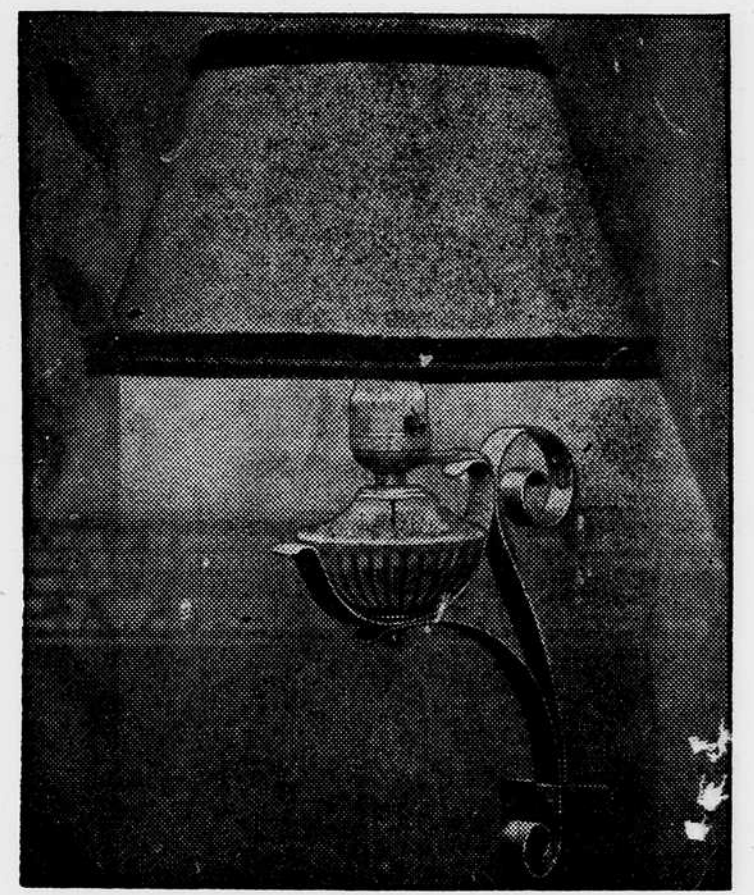
Yesterday Rhodes walked into the police station here, said he was an escaped convict from the North Carolina penitentiary at Raleigh, and asked to be locked up. He was.

Chief McLaurin Burch telegraphed Tar Heel authorities who said Rhodes was wanted to serve out two more years and that he would be sent for.

Early today, Rhodes sawed two bars in his cell and checked out, leaving a notesaying: "Thanks for the eats and bed. When I get hungry again, I'll come up and see you sometime."

A few hours later Chief Sam Cole of Timmonsville called Florence to say he had picked up two suspicious characters. One was Brooks Rhodes, the other John Rhodes, a brother and also an escaped convict from North Carolina.

North Carolina officers, already here for Brooks, handcuffed the brothers and started back home.



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